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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ORDER OF ARMORED CARS FROM WEST GERMANY

"AN NAHAR" EDITOR, NOW ALSO MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND PETROLEUM, GHASSAN TUEINI TOLD ME YESTERDAY IN ALL SERIOUSNESS THAT MINISTER OF INTERIOR CAMILLE CHAMOUN HAS ORDERED ARMORED CARS IN WEST GERMANY NOT RPT NOT FOR HIS INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES BUT FOR HIS OWN PRIVATE MILITIA. I FIND THIS QUITE INCREDIBLE FROM MANY POINTS OF VIEW, THE LEAST OF WHICH BEING WHERE CHAMOUN GOT THE MONEY. IT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE THAT HE MAY HAVE OBTAINED A WINDFALL FROM IRAN OR SAUDIA ARABIA. NOT-WITHSTANDING THIS POSSIBILITY, I STILL THINK THE REPORT IS AN EXAGGERATION. HOWEVER, AS I AM NEVER TOTALLY SURPRISED BY THINGS THAT HAPPEN IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD, I WOULD SUGGEST DEPT ASK BONN IF THERE COULD BE ANY TRUTH IN THIS AND IF SO PREVAIL UPON GERMAN AUTHORITIES TO BLOCK IT.
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